

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 97-29]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/CPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-29, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Defense Security Assistance Agency

Washington, DC 20301-2800

July 24, 1997.

In reply refer to: I-50619/97

Honorable Newt Gingrich,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 97-29, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$27 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the new media.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Rhame,
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Attachments

Same ltr to:

House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) *Prospective Purchaser:* United Arab Emirates.
- (ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * .. \$20 million.
Other 7 million.

Total 27 million.
* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(iii) *Description of Articles or Services Offered:* Seventy-two RIM-7M (F1 Build) SEASPARROW missiles with one training missile, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, training, shipboard equipment, support and test equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (AAK).

(v) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* none.
(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* See Annex attached.
(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* July 24, 1997.

Policy Justification

United Arab Emirates—RIM-7M (F1 Build) SEASPARROW Missiles

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested the purchase of 72 RIM-7M (F1 Build) SEASPARROW missile with one training missile, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, training, shipboard equipment, support and test equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$27 million.

This sale is consistent with the stated U.S. policy of assisting friendly nations to provide for their own defense by allowing the transfer of reasonable amounts of defense articles and services. The platform for these surfaced-launched, anti-aircraft missiles will be the two Kortenaer class frigates being obtained by the UAE from the Netherlands.

The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its inventory for use in the defense of its coastline and surrounding islands.

The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Company, Lowell, Massachusetts and Hughes Missile System Company, Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale may require the assignment of three to five contractor representatives to support this program for two years.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this sale.

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Annex—Item No. vi

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The external view of the RIM-7M (F1 Build) SEASPARROW missile is Unclassified

and not sensitive. The SEASPARROW missile does have the following classified components, including applicable technical equipment, documentation, and manuals:

- a. Guidance and Control Section. Confidential.
- b. Rocket Motor Confidential.
- c. Safety and Arming Device. Confidential.
- d. Fuzing hardware Confidential.
- e. Fuzing frequency/characteristics. Secret.
- f. Exportable parametric threat data programmed into ECM/ECCM software packet. Secret.
- g. Documentation* Confidential.

* Manuals and technical documents are those necessary for Organizational and Intermediate level maintenance.

2. If a technologically advanced were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in this sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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